

AGRICULTURAL

Top Dressing for Protection.

Top dressing of one kind and another has been always used, for fertilizing, where it was either impossible or undesirable to plow the ground to be fertilized. Hence top dressing of pastures and meadows, well set in blue grass or timothy, have in this way been stimulated to produce heavier yields of grass. Sometimes, too, wheat fields have thus been fertilized after the wheat has been growing. This method of furnishing plant food has always been successful, and it has been carefully done, and it has always produced satisfactory results. The large amount of hand work and the difficulty of scattering manure evenly over fields with growing grain has prevented its universal introduction.

For some years there have been in use machines for scattering manure from the wagon in which it is hauled, and it is done so completely and under the control of the operator that the labor of top dressing has been reduced to a minimum, and its benefits other than as a fertilizer are now of interest to the farmer.

If wheat has a thrifty growth before the winter sets in, it is generally supposed to be better prepared to come out in the spring without injury; but early sowing is necessary to bring the wheat into this condition, and if too much weather should follow, there is apt to be trouble with the fly, or sometimes with the jointing of the rank stalks. These dangers have to some extent been removed by pasturing. But, if possible, there should be more uniformity about the seeding and growth of wheat in the fall, and its protection during the winter, than farmers now have if any method can be devised to accomplish this. To this uncertainty is largely due the practice of extending wheat-sowing over two and one-half months of the year—from the middle of August to the first of November—and almost everyone guesses that he has selected the best time for sowing. The whole object has been to have the grain pass the winter without having its vitality arrested or destroyed.

If, therefore, with a fair but moderate start in the fall the wheat can be safely carried through the winter without injury, so that in the spring there shall be no check to its growth, the prospects for a crop will be reasonably secure.

This we think can be done by a top dressing as a protection. We have come to this conclusion after considerable observation in regard to the effects of all top dressing as a mere covering, in addition to the accumulated experience of several farmers whose results we have watched with satisfactory interest.

While the above is intended for more western localities it may contain hints of value to those of our farmers who may expect to include wheat among the products of their farms another season.

Profit in Diversified Farming.
JOEL SHOMAKER.

The secret of agricultural wealth lies in diversification. Men must learn the lesson of variety in production. A small farm, well tilled to diversified products, will yield more returns than the large areas neglected and half cultivated. In the west, where water is more valuable than land, the small diversified farm has become the rule rather than the exception. Utah has land worth \$25 per acre, and water to irrigate it costs more than double that amount. The people, by force of circumstances, are compelled to till small tracts. A few acres planted to fruits yield a good income from the time the strawberries are placed upon the market till the winter apples are sold. The fruits are marketed fresh, dried and canned and made in wine, cider and vinegar. A small farmer who grows wheat and corn and feeds hogs and cattle, for home use and the market, has poultry, butter and cheese for sale at all seasons, and his cash box is never empty. In addition to these, he can care for fruit and bees and help supply the market for them. Early vegetable and late root crops are profitable and require little work in comparison to their value. The man who lives within ten miles of a large city or railway station stands in his own light when he attempts special farming. Pests may destroy the cereals or fruits, drought may kill the late crops, the hay may be a failure—but no season ever is so disastrous that all productions of the soil fail to yield some returns.

Cowpeas.
This fodder plant has been grown for the Storr station for the past seven years. The results have been generally satisfactory, and where the crop has been grown on warm soils with a liberal quantity of mineral fertilizer, yields of from eight to ten tons have been obtained. Most of the area seeded to this crop was fertilized only with mineral fertilizers. A small area to which nitrogen was supplied in addition to the above, appeared to give no increase in crop. This crop has furnished good feed during most of the month of September. Considerable experience with this valuable fodder plant leads us to recommend it for use in feeding or for silage. Most seasons the crop may well be fed from about Sept. 1 to 20, or until injurious frosts occur. The yield one year was at the rate of eight tons per acre, while the next it gave eleven tons per acre. There are great differences in yield due to variety. The Clay variety is the best for fodder, sown in drills 2½ feet apart at the rate of 1 to 1½ bushels per acre about two weeks later than corn is usually planted.

Good Farming in Halifax.
Mr. J. Whit Bell, who farmed last year on the lands of the late D. Edmondson, made from two plows the following: 225 barrels of corn; 20,000 pounds of fodder; seventeen bushels of cotton from fifteen acres; 770 bushels of peanuts from ten acres; 100 bushels of black peas; 150 bushels of sweet potatoes and a good oat crop.—*Norfolk Neck Democrat.*

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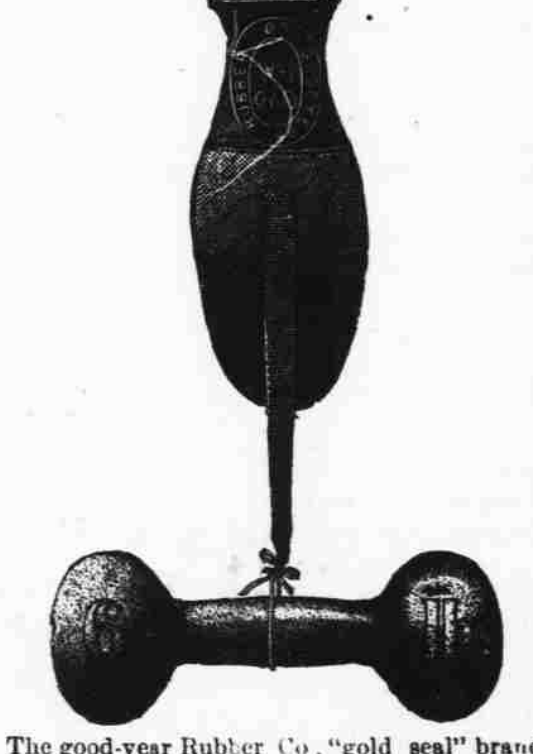
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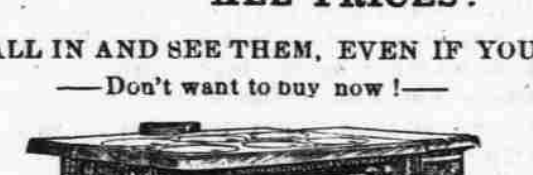
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10:55 p. m.—No. 35, daily for Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line division, and all points South and Southwest. Carries through Pullman drawing room buffet sleeper between New York, Washington, Atlanta and New Orleans.
9:35 a. m.—No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited, for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans. Pullman buffet sleeper between New York, Washington, Atlanta and New Orleans. Dining car, vestibuled coach between Washington and Atlanta.
12:20 p. m.—No. 11, daily for Atlanta, and all points South. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta Pullman sleeping car, Richmond to Greensboro 11:40 p. m.—No. 35, daily, for Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and C. C. & A. local stations. Carries through Pullman drawing room buffet sleeper between New York, Savannah and Jacksonville. Also Pullman sleeper, Charlotte to Augusta.